

# Volunteer Newsletter

## March - April 2026



Girls in Action Form



### Troop Spotlight

To celebrate National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend, Interim CEO Helen Wronski surprised a few of our troops with a visit to their cookie booths! Troops visited included Troop 364, Troop 572, Troop 443, Troop 267, Troop 307, Troop 284, Troop 144, Troop 719, and Troop 124.

Want your troop or Service Unit to be spotlighted in a future newsletter or on social media? Submit your troop activities using the [Girls in Action](#) form!

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### Stay Up to Date!

Sign up now to get text updates  
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake  
Bay!

Text **GSCBUPDATE** to 302-200-4074.  
Standard text messaging rates apply.

Interested in getting alerts about  
camp properties  
(recommended  
if you have a  
camp property  
reservation)?

Text **CAMPALERT**  
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GSCB Events  
Calendar

# MARCH

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 + Girl Scout Sunday	9	10	11	12 + Girl Scouts Birthday	13 + Girl Scout Jumamah	14 + Girl Scouts Sabbath + Gold Award Training + Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
15 + Cookie Program End	16	17	18 + New Leader Support Call	19	20 + Camp Drop in Hours at Todd	21 + Babysitting & First Aid Training + Tents Up at Country Center + Archery Level 1 Training
22 + Archery Level 1 Training	23	24	25	26	27 + Treasure Hunt Overnight	28 + Tents Up at Todd + GS Birthday Bash at the Garden + Treasure Hunt Overnight
29	30	31				



# APRIL

			1	2	3 GSCB Offices Closed	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 + Peninsula Day of Service
12 + Peninsula Day of Service + Comic Artist Virtual Workshop	13	14	15 + New Leader Support Call	16 + Meet the Candidates Night	17 + Troop Camping Weekend	18 + First Aid/CPR Training + Camp Drop In Hours at Country Center
19	20	21	22 + Happy Earth Day! + Happy Girl Scout Leaders Day!	23	24 + Around the World Encampment	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Happy Spring, Volunteers!

### Time to check your Troop Roster before Early Bird!

The annual Early Bird renewal campaign kicks off April 1, 2026! This year's theme is "Keep the Magic Glowing" with fireflies to bring us sweetly into summer. A variety of resources will be made available to service units, troops and families to help renewing memberships for girls and adults easy.

- Troop Leaders - Check your rosters now to be sure that all Girl Scouts currently in your troop are visible and will be eligible for renewal on April 1. Email your Volunteer Engagement Specialist with any discrepancies or contact [MemberCare@cbgsc.org](mailto:MemberCare@cbgsc.org).

### Volunteer Facilitator Trainings

- 3/21/26 - [Archery Level 1 - Camp Country Center](#)
- 3/22/26 - [Archery Level 1 - Camp Todd](#)
- 4/19/26 - [Small Craft - Camp Todd](#)
- 5/17/26 - [Outdoor Skills - Camp Todd](#)
  - Childcare available courtesy of Troop 1078 (American Red Cross Babysitting Training completed) - [Request Childcare](#)
- 5/31/26 - [Archery Level 1 - Camp Todd](#)
- 6/9/26 - [Small Craft - Camp Todd](#)
- 6/12 - 6/14/26 - [Waterfront Lifeguard - Camp Todd](#)

Volunteer Facilitator Training has been updated as of October 1, 2025, including a credit-earning system for facilitations. [Learn more about the updates.](#)

**Note:** High Ropes and Zipline training is coming! We are finalizing dates with our vendor. We hope you understand we do submit our preferred date but ultimately must work within our vendors availability. If you were trained in 2025, you will be contacted about an extension opportunity. We thank you for your patience.

### Girl Scout Week

Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. The Girl Scout Birthday commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia.

- Check out our [Girl Scout Week page](#) for ideas on how your troop can celebrate together.
- Our [Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith Guide](#) includes resources for Girl Scouts who would like to engage their places of worship in Girl Scout Sunday (Mar. 8th), Girl Scout Jummah (Mar. 13th), or Girl Scout Sabbath (Mar. 14th). While Girl Scouts is a secular organization, Girl Scouts celebrate with our faith partners – during Girl Scout week and throughout the year, to recognize Girl Scouts in their place of worship, share the benefits of Girl Scouting with faith families, and thank faith partners for their support. Celebrations with your faith partners support membership, programming, and community engagement goals.



## **Volunteer Appreciation Month is almost here!**

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we can't wait to celebrate YOU! Be on the lookout for giveaways, volunteer socials, shout outs, and surprises all month long.

- Want to shout out and appreciate your favorite volunteer? Share your story with us [here!](#)
- Want to do some appreciating of your own? Use our [certificate](#), [card](#), and [gift tag](#).

## **Years of Service Recognition**

GSCB recognizes years of volunteer service in increments of 5 years with Years of Service Pins. Service Units, please submit your [GSCB Request for Years of Service Pins](#) by year, including names of recipients by **March 15th** in order to receive pins for your recognition ceremonies and to ensure that those with 15+ years are recognized at the Annual Meeting.

## **Graduating Senior Spotlight**

We want to celebrate your graduating senior in a special way this year! Have your graduating senior share about their future plans and favorite Girl Scout memory by completing the [Graduating Seniors Form](#). We'll spotlight these stars throughout the month of May!

## **2025 - 2026 Membership Goals and Update**

MY26 Girl Membership Goal – 4,500                      Current MY26 Girl Membership\* - 3,347

MY26 Adult Membership Goal – 2,000                      Current MY26 Adult Membership\* - 1,697

Lifetime Membership\* – 1,093

\*Membership data is as of March 3, 2026

## **GSCB 64th Annual Meeting – Registration Open Now**

Please join our voting members (Board of Directors, Association Chairs, Board Development Committee, and Delegates) for Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay's 64th Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 from 9:30 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

- **Annual Meeting**

Date: Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

Time: 9:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Del-One Conference Center, Delaware Technical Community College, Terry Campus, 100 Campus Dr, Dover, DE

Cost:

- In-person with lunch included - \$35
- Virtual - Free

[Register Now](#)

The GSCB Board Development Committee (BDC) is pleased to invite members to a special Meet the Slate of Candidates event in advance of our Annual Meeting. This virtual session provides members with the opportunity to meet the individuals who will be placed on the proposed slate for vote at the Annual Meeting.

- **New this year! Meet the Candidates Night**

Date: Thursday, April 16th, 2026

Time: 6:30PM - 8PM

Location: Virtual

[Register Now](#)

## **Association Chair Nominations - Accepted thru March 31st**

Each Association is led by an Association Chair whose responsibility is to plan and execute Association Meetings, to communicate with Girl Scout members within their Association, and to manage proposals as they are submitted.

Now through March 31st, we are accepting nominations for new Association Chairs to serve in each Region for the term dates of 7/1/26-6/30/28. If you are interested in this position or know someone who might be interested, please check out the [Association Chair Position Description](#) to read more about the role and responsibilities. Nominations (self or of others) may be made by completing the [GSCB Association Chair Nomination Form](#) before the March 31st deadline.

A special thank you to our current Association Chairs who have served and will continue to serve in this role through June 30, 2026, and have led our Associations through the past two years: Carrie Straub, Lesley Czocho, Tracie Bruno, and Suzanne Rubino. Thank you for your leadership!

## **Service Unit Delegate Elections are coming soon!**

As we plan for the 2026 – 2027 Membership Year, Service Unit Delegate elections will begin on April 1st the upcoming term. Service Unit delegates and alternate delegates serve as members of the Corporation of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council to communicate governance information between the board of directors and the service unit that elected them. Delegates and alternates represent the voice of the service unit to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of the council.

Review the following resources:

- [GSCB Annual Election of Service Unit Delegates Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Service Unit Delegate and Alternate Position Description](#)
- [GSCB Governance and Financials](#) webpage for more information

Here are the steps to Elections:

1. Let your Service Unit Manager know if you are interested in being nominated for this role
2. Service Unit Manager will facilitate a Service Unit Delegate election at a Leader Meeting in May or June.
  - Note the change to the quorum which now states: The members present and voting at a SU meeting shall constitute a quorum for SU Delegate elections.
3. Service Unit submits their elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates using the [GSCB Service Unit Delegate Election Form](#), **by June 30, 2026.**

# Product Programs

## Cookie Program Information

What a wild and wonderful ride this cookie season has been!

We are so incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and heart you have poured into supporting the youth of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay. Your dedication, patience, and unwavering support make experiences like cookie season possible, and we truly could not do this without you.

As we head into our final week and begin wrapping things up, we want to sincerely thank you for everything you've done — from organizing and coordinating to cheering on and guiding our Girl Scouts every step of the way. You make a lasting difference in their confidence, leadership skills, and success.

As we close out the season, please take a moment to review the updated timeline below to ensure a smooth finish.

Don't forget — **it's the final weekend of cookie booths!**

- ▶ All troops who participate in a cookie booth and record their booth in eBudde using the Booth Recorder by March 16th will be entered into an exciting drawing! Three lucky troops will each win ONE unforgettable experience for their entire troop - a movie theater experience, Jungle Jims Water Park tickets, or Cape Water Tour are all up for grabs.

That's right — rally your troop, rock those booths, make sure everything is recorded in eBudde, and you could be sitting back, relaxing, and celebrating a future troop activity on us! Let's finish the cookie season strong!

Thank you again for being such an essential part of this journey. We are deeply appreciative of all that you do!

## Updated Dates and Deadlines

<b>March 15th, 2026</b>	End of Booth Sales, Direct Sales, and Digital Cookie
<b>March 24th, 2026</b>	Troop Final Rewards Entry and Girl Order Allocation Due in eBudde (11:59PM)
<b>March 25th, 2026</b>	Service Unit Final Rewards and Girl Order Allocation Due in eBudde (11:59PM)
<b>March 27th, 2026</b>	ACH Balance Email Sent to Troops
<b>March 30th, 2026</b>	<a href="#">ACH Extension Form</a> and <a href="#">Caregiver Debt Form</a> Due
<b>March 31st, 2026</b>	Troop Bank Deposit Deadline (in time to clear FED)
<b>April 3rd, 2026</b>	Final ACH occurs



# Upcoming Programs and Events

## Explore More this Summer - New Mini Week added!

Troop Leaders - we hope you will encourage your Girl Scouts to attend a summer camp session with GSCB. Please share the [Camp Guide](#) and [Summer Camp page](#) with your caregivers. We are offering both Overnight (Camp Todd) and Day (Country Center) camps this year with exciting themes like culinary creations, theatre, games, and more.

- ▶ *New!* Mini Week (7/8 - 7/10) added at Camp Todd! This mini week will accommodate all levels, making it ideal for busy teenagers with summer jobs or other commitments. 3 days to get your camp fix in!
- ▶ *New!* Delaware Nature Society to provide exciting wildlife programming at Camp Country Center day camp! Perfect for animal lovers.
- ▶ Work at Camp! Are you or someone you know looking for exciting summer camp employment opportunities? [Check out our open positions and apply today.](#)



Do you or your troop caregivers want to learn more about summer camp? Join us for a virtual Summer Camp Information Session or an in-person Summer Camp "Drop In" Session.

In-Person Drop In Session at Camp Todd:

- [Friday, March 20 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM](#)
- [Sunday, May 3 | 2PM - 4PM](#)
- [Sunday, June 14th | 2PM - 4PM](#)

In-Person Drop In Session at Camp Country Center:

- [Saturday, April 18 | 2PM - 4PM](#)

## Around the World Encampment

Looking for an upcoming event for your Girl Scouts? Travel the globe with us! Enjoy games, recipes, and stories from different cultures, a tent decorating contest, dance party, and more. Coming off World Thinking Day, there's no better time to celebrate our global sisterhood.

- All levels welcome  
Friday, April 24th - Sunday, April 26th  
\$40 per Girl Scout

[Register Now](#)

## Beach Encampment

Is your troop still planning how to use your cookie funds? Think about ending the summer with us at our beach-themed encampment this August. Enjoy small craft adventures, water games, beachy crafts and SWAPs, tent decorating contest, dance party and more.

- All levels welcome  
Friday, August 7th - Sunday, August 9th  
\$40 per Girl Scout

[Register Now](#)

## Tents Up Days

Help us get camp ready for the busy spring and summer seasons. Volunteers will support our properties team in getting the platform tents up, units cleaned up, and other service projects. Attendees should pack a water bottle and lunch. Snack and fun patch provided.

[Camp Country Center | Saturday, March 21 | 9AM - 3PM](#)

[Camp Todd | Saturday, March 28 | 9AM - 3PM](#)

## Peninsula Day of Service - Registration Now Open!

Peninsula Day of Service is an opportunity for our members to come together to make a difference in their community. This year, PDOS will expand to a variety of sites throughout our footprint. We are excited to partner with local state parks, community organizations, and businesses to offer all different types of service opportunities. Troops or individual Girl Scouts will also have the opportunity to plan their own service project in their local community during the weekend to earn the PDOS 2026 patch!

[Learn More and Get Signed Up](#)

<b>Saturday, April 11th Peninsula Day of Service Opportunities</b>
Roots Farm and Forest School (Georgetown, DE)
Delaware Museum of Nature and Science (Wilmington, DE)
Janes Island State Park (Crisfield, MD)
<b>Sunday, April 12th Peninsula Day of Service Opportunities</b>
Martinak State Park (Denton, MD)
Bohemia River State Park (Chesapeake City, MD)
<b>Complete Your Own Service Project (Your Community)</b>

## Save the Date: Council Wide Bridging

Dedicated volunteers are excited to put on our 2nd Annual Council Wide Bridging! The event will be held **May 17th, 2026 at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington DE at 1:00PM**. Pack a picnic, bring your family and come enjoy the day at this beautiful state park! Girl Scout cost is \$10 each, friends and family are free.

Note- State park entry fees will be charged at the rate of \$5 per instate vehicle and \$10 for out of state vehicles. Sign up details coming soon!

# Other

## Philanthropy Updates

- **Green Hat Society**

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay is excited to announce the launch of the newly forming GSCB Chapter of the Green Hat Society! Volunteers, alums, and registered adult members are invited to join this fun and welcoming group whose mission is “having fun while sharing Girl Scout traditions.” Membership is open to all registered adults and there is no cost to join, [complete our interest form](#) to sign up for our email list and stay connected.

- ▶ The first activity of the Green Hat Society will be hosting the Council Wide Bridging Ceremony on May 17th, 2026 at Bellevue State Park. More details to follow.

- **Friends of Camp Country Center and Friends of Camp Todd Groups - Coming Soon!**

Are you passionate about Camp Country Center and/or Camp Todd? We are excited to bring back the “Friends Of” groups in time for our camp anniversaries this summer. These groups will help celebrate, support, and advocate for the camps we love. Stay tuned for updates.

- **Leading with Legacy Events - Celebrate Our Camp Anniversaries**

Three events celebrating the 85th Anniversary of Camp Country Center and the 75th Anniversary of Camp Todd are being planned. Look for coming news about events on June 13 at Camp Todd; September 17 at Camp Country Center; and October 16 for a breakfast fundraiser at DuPont Country Club. Details on these events will be shared in the coming weeks.

- **New Washer and Dryer Installed in Camp Country Center Troop House**

Thanks to a grant from Delaware Community Foundation, a new washer and dryer have been installed in the Troop House.



## Staff Comings and Goings

- **Staff Goings**

Liz Farrell, former Interim Chief Philanthropy Officer, left the GSCB team in February. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

## Employment Opportunities

Visit [www.gsrb.org/careers](http://www.gsrb.org/careers) for more information and to apply.

- **Camp Staff**

If you or anyone 17+ in your network is interested in an amazing opportunity to support Girl Scouts as they EXPLORE MORE this summer, please consider applying to one of our open camp positions!

- **Camp Ranger**

We are bringing a live on-site ranger back to Camp Country Center and are seeking someone who is ready to ensure a safe, welcoming, and well-maintained environment for visitors.

- **Volunteer Engagement Specialist (Region 2)**

Help us deliver exceptional member support to your fellow volunteers. This position serves southern New Castle County, Kent County (DE), Kent County (MD) and Queen Anne's Counties (MD).